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1. On 12 January 1954, the Wuhlheide cantonment, south of the Berlin-Karlshorst racecourse, was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia and a few officers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. About 20 canvas-covered tanks and 1 BA-64 armored scout car were seen near the construction side of the new sheds between Treskow Allee and Waldwiese. On 9 January, 2 SU-100 guns left the camp for firing practice in the training area east of the racecourse. At about 8 p.m., 380 troops left the camp for the Soviet motion picture theater near the Karlshorst railroad station. On 12 January, source determined that the construction of another shed, about 40 meters long and about 15 to 20 meters wide, had started in the west section of the camp along Treskow Allee. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the camp

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2. On 19 December, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt (former insane asylum), Berlin-Biesdorf, was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Source did not observe any training activity. The new sheds on the west side of the quartering area were occupied as previously by tanks. Motor vehicles  were seen.

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3. On 2 January, source determined 3 new lean-to roofs in the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt, south of the cemetery not surrounded by a wall. A total of 66 tanks were seen under all lean-to roofs in the quartering area. Source further determined that 2 new watchtowers were being constructed. Source had the impression that the installation quartered more tanks than on 12 December. About 20 troops engaged in the construction of a board fence in the northeast corner of the installation.

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4. On 15 December, the restricted area in the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Source determines 7 tank trucks with trailers and about 19 tanks in the barracks area. Beams and marks at the tank training area had been removed and piled up in the middle of the area. On 15 December, about 60 troops engaged in leveling work in the tank training area. At the same time, a fatigue detail of about 25 troops left toward the training area.

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5. On 15 December, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt was occupied by about 1,000 troops. About 45 tanks were observed under the lean-to roofs. On 14 and 15 December, training was held almost exclusively within the installation. On 15 December, 2 T-34/85 tanks were seen entering the quartering area.

25X1A [ ] Comment. According to observations [ ] in this 25X1 report the Wuhlgarten cantonment can be carried occupied as previously by a mechanized regiment, possibly the 25th Gds Mecz Regt? of the 7th Gds Mecz Div; and the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt by 25X1A the 93d Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [ ] The report fails to contain indications for elements of a mechanized regiment of the last mentioned division which so far had been carried in the restricted area. They presumably are no longer stationed there. As, according to another source the occupation of the Panzer Kaserns in Bad Freienwalde increased in early January it is concluded that the abovementioned mechanized units had returned to Bad Freienwalde by early January. [ ]

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